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THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L.

The war in Europe is over, but in its wake there is left a series of extremely sore spots on the map of Europe. We note a tendency of foreign correspondents to play up these minor events, now that the big show is over. Probably they are for the moment at loose ends and have time to write up the various clashes, most of them small and from a Yankee point of view, not too important.

For instance, there's the story of French troops firing on Syrian mobs and killing some 100 plus 300 or more wounded. In the news it is given almost as many words as the leveling of Berlin, a city of 3,000,000. It is probable that each air raid over Berlin finished off several times more human beings than were killed in the rioting in Syria. But viewed in the light of global war's holocaust the Trieste incident, the Polish impasse, the Syrian riots, and other disturbances in this churning wake of universal bloodshed, are really very small potatoes.

We grant of course that any dispute that is not settled rightly and promptly can lead to another cancerous spread of all consuming war. We remember too well what happened when the Japs took Manchuria, when Italy took Ethiopia, and when Germany took Czechslovakia. From the standpoint of your Uncle Sam, none of these taking was tremendously important. All three "takings" we concluded, were in the category of big banditry, but it was none of our business, at least to the extent of suffering 1,000,000 casualties, that might be incurred as a world knight errant, going about the globe resenting poor little nations, from big bad wolves.

We were wrong, as it turned out, in all three of those instances. By trotting out the navy and calling up an army promptly, we might have deterred Japan, Italy and Germany from embarking on carrers of blood and plunder. A little muscle flexing then might have saved a good many American lives. Roosevelt did talk of "quarantining" aggressor nations, and got a lot of booing for mentioning it. We are a peaceable people and we believe in minding our business, meaning that everything outside our boundaries is not our business. That was the general sentiment of the country in those days.

Well, we have learned the hard way. We have learned it is our business when one of our neighbors on this small globe attempts to murder another neighbor. We believe in peace, but to have peace it seems, we must fight for it and keep on fighting whether there is war going on or not. When brickbats begin to fly hereafter we must cease to be innocent bystanders and get right in and start pitching.

With that new spirit of watching out for No. 1 by seeing to it that No. 2 or No. 3 is not abused, we eye these various disturbances in the war's wake, Syria, Poland and Trieste and others, warily, but with the certainty that British and American, and perhaps Russia, diplomats will not let these matters get out of hand. What the world wants is peace and plenty of it, enough to last a century or two, So, while the correspondents in the European area, having no big war to write about, have taken up small disputes, that is, relatively small, and are turning out first class news stories about them, let us try to see them in perspective and temper our concern with the knowledge that we will have for sometime to come, the biggest navy in the world, the largest airforce, and, while not the largest, at least the next biggest and the best equipped and the stoutest army in the world. If we must, me can settle these disturbances in short order. We don't even have to make any threats. All our diplomats need do, is to express displeasure.

So with the big battle of Europe at end we can view the horrid dead fish welling up to the surface in the wake of war without too much concern. But we do insist that our State Department exercise due diligence. We should carefully gather and inter these pestilence spreaders before they become virulent. In other words, we can put the fire out now with a garden hose, but it may take more water than flows in the St. Lawrence River to put them out later.

HELEN CHAPMAN RED CROSS WORKER TELLS OF HER ADVENTURES

In letters to her father, Dr. C. W. Chapman, Helen Chapman describes the sudden change from war to peace. The letters follow:

It seems as if I hadn't written for months, but it is because everything has changed so completely in one week's time that it seems that months have passed.

I left the town of Calbe near the Elbe River south of Madeburg last Sunday. It was turned over to the Russians. I went from the division back to my corps headquarters at Oscherleben and I am now 250 miles west and south of there. We traveled from 10 p. m. until 1 a. m. on May 9 VE day. It was the most exhausting trip we have ever made, but is was through absolutely beautiful country. It was like a tremendous park, deeply green rolling fields dotted with villages, and from time to time a forest.

There was little destruction in this area. Not so where the 9th Army passed by. Once by the Roer River, however, the destruction of small towns was slight because the army was no longer fighting from village to village. But Germany's large cities are utter shambles.

I am now in a resort town and expect to move to another one a few miles from here in a few days when quarters have been prepared. The town I shall be in its very beautiful. At present we have very nice quarters. Five of us live in a seven room apartment. May Phillips, Annie Stuart, Jean Rahl, Liz Hansard and I. A woman comes in every day to do our housework.

I suppose you are wondering what it is like being over here at the end of a war. I think that only a Shakespeare could possibly describe any part of it, especially the thoughts and feelings of people. Confusion is rife because no one knows what is to happen. The soldiers have uppermost on their minds whether they will get home or stay here or go to the Pacific. My group has no idea what to expect. We are still with the 19th Corps and don't know whether we will continue with them or will be transferred to another outfit. We don't know what is going to happen to the 19th Corps either. We do know that at this minute we are occupying Germany.

I shall probably serve occupation troops for the time being at least. I am waiting just to see what the shape of things to come will be. Most of us are rather depressed about the job, because the readjustment to occupation troops is not going to be easy. Of course, that doesn't sound right. God knows we are glad the war is over. It is just that one can't keep pounding away in an abnormal life for months and suddenly be dropped into civilization and know ones way around immediately.

Shortly, however, we shall have settled into a new groove, which threatens to be social. I always had a yen to be a social butterfly. A taste of it for awhile ought to be good for my social graces, which have never been too good. We shall see what we shall see, and I'll try to keep you up with events as they pan out.

Your loving daughter, HELEN.

Friedburg, Germany,
May 15, 1945.

Dear Poppy:

It seems funny to put the name of a town at the head of a letter, but I understand the new censorship rules allow it now.

At first those of us in Germany were to be restricted, but I guess there was a change of mind. Being inside Germany has its advantages now because a new rule bars every one outside from coming in, but I can come and go at will—provided, of course, I have leave.

It seems also that we may tell about our trip now, so I'll devote this letter to giving you a chronological tour with me. I left England on a combination cargo and passenger ship from Southampton and proceeded across the Channel during the night on a sea so calm I could hardly feel we were moving. It seems that seas are always calm when I am on them so I am in demand by many seasick addicts as a passenger on boats returning home.

We sailed to the newly opened port of LeHavre and waited out at sea all day for a pilot boat to guide us through a mine field. A ship had been blown up the day before. We were transfered to LCTs and made the landing right onto the shore through the dropped down prow of the ship. That was my first step on France. This port had been opened about six weeks before, but there were no dock facilities other than that. That night we slept in a French general hospital, but first I had to spend half the night tracking down my duffle bag which was carried off the boat by a man who had taken to a staging area. It was purely accidental but caused a battalion to have a show down inspection, the port officials a lot of telephoning and me a bouncing around in a jeep in a rain, but I got the duffle bag.

There was no one but French nuns at the hospital, so I had quite a time getting to bed but I finally made it via sign language.

The next day we took off in the back of a truck for Paris. My truck broke down about half way there and a couple of slaphappy drivers decided one truck of the 6 or 7 trucks convoy would tow us. We were towed so fast that my heart was in my throat most of the time. I was riding in the cab so I was going through all the anguish of our driver. There was, by the way, about a dozen French refugees in the back of our truck and the one towing us. They were returning to Paris from England. In the cab was another ARC. I and the driver. Well, we got lost, night came, dim lights and a crazy driver towing us lickety split up and down hills and over plains. Finally our truck caught fire. It's a wonder the truck didn't blow up. The French were half crazy by now, and, thinking I was a nurse, expected me to do something for the nerves. A few aspirins were consumed.

It was decided to put all the French women in the one good truck and take them to Paris. All the Frenchmen (six) and our driver were to stay and wait for someone to come after us. The other ARC and I decided to stay, too, because the poor driver was so upset we couldn't let him down. So we spent all night sitting somewhere in France. The next morning we got towed more calmly to Paris, which I loved immediately even under my circumstances.

We were in Paris about four days and then we were assigned to our groups. All of us were taken in one truck and dropped off from place to place. Jean and I were the last. We went from Paris through Rheims to Luxomburg City where we stayed over night in a hotel. I didn't see much of Luxomburg because we left early in the morning. We traveled from there to Bastogne where we had our Thanksgiving dinner at noon with an MP company. As you know that place was later leveled during the Ardennes offensive. We dropped off one girl there. We continued on to Spa and let off another girl—from there to Chaufantaine and left two more—thence to Eupen where we spent the night, and two more girls remained there.

We had a second Thanksgiving dinner and it was my first amazement of how civilized it could be within 20 miles of the front. The next morning Jean and I arrived at Heerleen, Holland. There we had very good quarters at the Hotel Neerlandia, but the second night the Jerries decided it was too good for us and dropped in the 2280mm shells. We moved back in about two weeks after spending time in an officer's club, rest home and maternity hospital.

We were in Heerleen about a month when the Ardennes offensive upset the applecart and the corps was sent to hold the northern flank. It was then we moved to Aachen where it is amazing to say we had excellent quarters, and much cold weather. On New Years day I hit the ditch 3 times just in case the Jerry straffing the roads was a good shot. He wasn't.

When the offensive was over we moved to Kahlssheide three miles away, in order to stay in corps area. There we sweated out the crossing of the Roer, which was being held up by the big dams in German hands. Finally the day, or rather night, came when to the accompaniment of every artillery piece in the corps the crossing was made. What a noise!

Once the situation was in control we moved across the Roer to Korchenbroich and sweated out the crossing of the Rhine. I was never in any danger again after the crossing of the Roer River. Buzz bombs, shelling and any other long distance weapons never came our way again.

But we were left miles behind the army once it crossed the Rhine. Then began the merry chase. We would move, stop a few days, move again, etc. From Korchenbroich we moved to Wiederbrucke, from there to Setinheim and from there to Descherlieben near Madgeburg.

The Grand Canyon was sent on detached service to the 83rd Division at Calbe a town south of Madeburg and about 50 miles south east of Berlin. From Calbe we crossed the Elbe bridghead to serve the units of the 83rd Division on the front line.

The first night we were there the Luftwaffe attempted to bomb out the bridgehead. The next morning they came again, and that was the last noise I heard from the Germans. From then on we wandered the front almost as freely as the back areas. The war was over except to meet the Russians. I have written about that.

When that was accomplished the corps headquarters and we moved back to our own occupation area. We are near Frankfurt. Whether this is permanent or temporary we do not know. We do know that tremendaus readjustments are being made and there is no clear picture of the future as yet. I am sitting tight awaiting eventualities. In the mean time we shall be serving troops doing the work of occupying.

All this has been a tremendous experience which I am really incapable of expressing. You remember that one of the reasons I came was to see first hand what happened to people and to be able to help them. I can't begin to say what insight into human relationships it has been my opportunity to acquire, but it is wonderful. Well this letter has grown to length so I'll let the bottom of the page stop me. Keep well and be careful—HELEN.

MT. ST. MARY'S COMMENCEMENT SET FOR JUNE 4

The Sisters of Mercy have announced their annual graduation exercises for the high school and business school departments for Monday evening, June 4, at St. Cecliia's Auditorium.

Friends of the Sisters and of the graduates are cordially invited to attend the commencement exercises, which have been set for 8 p. m. sharp.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Robert J. Armstrong, D. D. Bishop of Sacramento, will confer the graduating honors on the high school and business school graduates, the names which will be published at a later date. The Nevada City girls who will be among the business school graduates are: Lotus Wales, Dorothy Thompson, June Moore and Betty Noren.

NEW RATION STAMPS JUNE 1

Five new blue stamps worth 10 points each—a total of 50 points—and five new red stamps also worth 10 points each for a total of 50 points will be good for buying processed foods and meats and fats, respectively on Friday, June 1, 1945.

The five new blue stamps are D1 E1 F1 G1 and H1.

The five new red stamps are Y2 W2 X2 V2 Z2.

Both red and blue stamps validated on June 1 will be good through Sunday, Seutember 30.

Five red stamps—Y5 Z5 A2 B2 C2 and D2 and five blue stamps—H2 J2 K2 L2 and M2 will not be good after Saturday June 2.

As announced earlier, sugar stamp 35 will not be good after June 2, but sugar stamp 36 will remain good for five pounds through Friday August 31, OPA said.

APPROPRIATION BILLS IN FLOOD TIDE EXPECTED

Warning against the flood of special appropriation bills that will be loosed with the final clearing up and passage of the state budget by the legislature, California taxpayers association said today:

"California taxpayers cannot afford more state spending during the next biennium if the problems of the post war years are to be met successfully. When the state budget is adopted, taxpayers should be on guard against the more than $400,000,000 of special appropriation bills which have been introduced in the legislature.

Points to be considered the taxpayers association said, include:

The original budget proposal for 1945-47 is the largest in California history, almost $100,000,000 greater than this biennium's expenses.

The January budget contained ample provisions for all state services.

If the special appropriations were needed they would have been budgeted.

In the 1930s state taxes at no time produced enough to pay the state's bills; the decade ended with an $82,000,000 deficit in the general fund.

The present temporary high yield of state taxes is caused by war spending.

In post war years the state will be under heavy expense for many services—aid to the needy, schools, highways, and other inescapable obligations at a time when revenues will be decreasing.

Special appropriations often provide underserved and unnecessary benefits to special pressure groups and localities at the expense of all the people.

Special appropriations seldom receive the same care and study as items in the executive budget.

Every unnecessary appropriation made now reduces the state's post war reserves—reserves which will be needed when revenues drop to peace time levels and expenses increase.

Now is the time to say no to unnecessary spending proposals.

ENGLE CLAIMS GOLD CLOSING ILLEGAL

Representative Clair Engle, of California, today declared that the gold closing order L-208 was issued and is being retained by the WPB without sufficient legal authority and that fact is well known in the inner councils of the WPB.

Engle charged that a former general counsel for WPB had rendered an opinion to the effect that the WPB could not legally issue or retain limitation orders on the basis of manpower considerations alone. He claimed further that the matter has been recently discussed with WPB and that it is generally agreed by WPB that the order was a mistake and is on shaky legal ground because of being retained on manpower considerations alone. WPB, Engle stated, has been caught in a colossal bluff, and doesn't know just which way to go.

Engle charged that the gold mining industry was preparing to bring claims against the federal government because of the illegal action of the WPB in issuing and retaining the order. He stated: "It seems proper to point out that the resentment aroused throughout the industry by the continuance of this illegal order will increase the liability imposed on the government by the WPB for the continuing losses of gold operators, who will make demands for and undoubtedly receive reimbursement through relief legislation, through the courts, or perhaps through both of these channels."

"This order," Engle declared, "was originally imposed ppon the gold mining industry as an arbitrary and brutal action. The casual treatment and disregard of the property rights of the victims of this action by the WPB were aptly expressed in a reply given by Donald Nelson then chairman of WPB, during his testimony before the subcommittee on mines and minerals industry, senate small business committee on April 1, 1943, regarding the justification of the order Nelson said, "When we did it we believed it was the right thing to do. We didn't study it. Sometimes the only way you can get the right evidence is from occurrences after the fact."

VITAMINS SENT TO BELGIANS

Helping to relieve the acute suffering of thousands of long-oppressed victims of nazi terrorism, vast suantities of vitamins, pills and dehydrated foods have been shipped to Belgium by the Belgian War Relief Society, according to a report today to Vernon Stoll chairman of Nevada County for the National War Fund which finances the work of that organization.

In an effort to help check the spread of famine and disease left in the wake of the vanquished Germans, 14,000,000 vitamin tablets, pills and rugs, shipped overseas during the first quarter of this year, are now being distributed among the Berlgian people, the report stated.

Included in the shipments were: 3,000,000 vitamin tablets, 3,000,000 mineral tablets, 2,000,000 yeast tablets, 2,000,000 aspirin tablets, 1,000,000 each of ascorbic acid tablets, sulfathiazole tablets and milk of magnesia tablets, and 500,000 each of liver and iron pills and soda bicordonate tablets.

In addition, there was also shipped: 37,000 pound packages of dehydrated stew, 34,500 pound packages of dehydrated soup, 24,000 pounds of powdered whole milk and 6,000 cans of powdered orange juice, together with immense quantities of soap, toothbrushes and powder, miscellaneous drugs and first aid kits.

All of the packages have imprinted on the wrappers: "Gift of the Belgian War Releif Society of the U. S. A." the report concluded.

Belgian Relief is a part of the California War Chest campaign which supports the work of USO, United Seamens Service, War Prisoners Aid and the local Home Front social agencies.

HONORABLE DISCHARGE FOR U. S. MARINES

Limited duty ex-marines discharged since March 1 for the convenience of the government will be given honorable discharges under a new policy announced by the Marine Corps.

The men formerly were granted discharges "under honorable conditions". They will receive their new certificates upon application to marine headquarters in Washington.

The new ruling also will apply to limited duty men discharged in the future for the convenience of the government, according to the announcement.

Limited duty men, not fit for combat because of overage, physical defects, or disabilities acquired since enttring the service, upon their own application have been discharged "under honorable conditions" since March 1. Before that time, they received honorable discharges.

The new policy will apply only to those men whose proficiency ratings were above 3.8 and whose conduct ratings were aboveT 4.0. Limited duty men whose markings are below those figures will continue to be discharged "under honorable conditions" the Marine Corps said. Also ineligible for honorable discharges are men fho received two summary court martials or one general court martial.

NEW MAPS OF GRASS VALLEY

The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce is now able to distribute complete maps of the city to all those who apply at the chamber's headquarters in the Holbrooke Building. The maps are free to those who need them, especially new comers who expect to make Grass Valley their home.

The maps were compiled and printed under the direction of Gene Ingalls, chairman of the committee assigned to the task. They contain a directory of all business firms in the city.

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POSTWAR PLAN—FOR JAPAN

Whether the Japanese collapse is a matter of years, months, or only weeks, victory in the Pacific is still too far off and the price too high to admit any rejoicing today. Today is the time for planning how to rout out the seeds of world conquest buried deep in Japan and to keep them routed when the war is done.

The task is not only that of the diplomats. No intelligent citizen's ideas may be pre-judged as insignificant and none with the slightest merit can safely be overlooked. Some of the most interesting proposals yet seen concerning Japan's disposition were evolved, not in Washington, but in California, and not by a career statesman, but by a fellow publisher, G. E. Dunn of the Half Moon Bay Review in San Diego County.

Here are the main points of Dunn's program—which the state department could lengthen out, no doubt, to a 200-pge brief, and still not improve on many of its basic principles:

1. Invade Japan, cut it off and let the allied navies control the situation until a democratic regime is assured. Bring the emperor and all other war criminals to prompt trial. Utterly destroy the navy, merchant marine and war factories, and replace the war-minded tycoons with democratic minded Japanese.

2. Get together the leading, trustworthy Japanese-Americans educated here, and put them in all key positions in Japan, to reorganize government, industry, employment and education. Send Chiank Kai-Shek all the necessary material to take Manchuria. Get this program under way soon and send our boys home.

Many if not all of the Japanese here might prefer to return permanently to their homeland under those conditions, Dunn points out, and if they did a serious Japanese-California promlem would be solved.

The proposals of Editor Dunn may not be foolproof. But fundamentally they seem to us to express the general ideas of all Americans whose sons are trading their lives for peace—expecting us at home to protect and safeguard it, once it is won.—Contributed.

THE PEOPLE'S PEACE CONFERENCE

Lieutenant Governor Fred Houser, addressing the Women's Council at Sacramento recently, rightly declared that world cooperation, rather than power politics, must furnish the basis for an enduring peace.

"No balance of power formula will be able to maintain peace," said the lieutenant-governor. "It will be achieved only through the hearts and souls of world leaders and when the people everywhere are determined on maintaining peace. We need world cooperation to keep faith."

While Houser said that he looked forward with confidence to the rseults which he believes will be achieved at the San Francisco conference, and in other meetings of global leaders which will doubtless follow, he emphasizes that there must be an earnest striving for peace by the people of all nations, if there is to be any real hope of outlawing war.

The lieutenant governor called for a world wide "people's peace conference"—not a public meeting in the usual sense, but a meeting of hearts and minds of people in far separate places, resolutely pledging themselves to a conscientious effort at better understanding of each other's problems, so that causes of conflict can be avoided.

Statesmen can write the terms of a plan for lasting peace said Houser, but only the people—the people whose sons fight and die when war comes—can see that the terms are kept. There can be no denial of the truth of that analysis. Covenants cannot prevent war. But a high resolve on the part of all free people can.—Contributed.

KEEP THOSE ISLANDS

Out beyond Hawaii, in the Gilberts, the Marshalls and the Marianas, lie the islands whose defenseless shores nearly lost this war for us at tht very beginning.

Stretching west to the China Coast, south to New Guinea and north to the shores of Pippon, are other larger islands, the heart and core of Japan's aggressive campaign. Today they are bought dearly by American moys, and paid for in blood.

When this war is finished, those islands should be held by the United States, for the price is far too high to have to pay twice.

Those that might be required in any future struggle agaist Jap conquest should be retained irrespective of what any other nation may think about it. And those that are owned by an ally should be bought or negotiated for if imperative to such a defense. Many of the rampart islands are thoroughly worthless except for military purposes, and their acquisition and control could scarcely be considered a grab for precious new territory or aggrandizement.

But even if their retention by the United States were so considered, we believe with Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King that it is time the U. S. abolished the policy of fighting, building and graciously giving away. Our own strategic defense should be the criterion. And the cost of our misplaced trust in Japanese mandates should be the only necessary incentive for holding onto that hard earned shield of islands in the Pacific.—Contributed.

STATE ASSEMBLY APPROVES RAISE IN GOLD PRICE

By Allen G. Thurman, Assemblyman Sixth District

Last week we mentioned the fact that many bills liberalizing old age assistance had been introduced, which if approved would add millions of dollars to the cost of state government.

One of these pieces of legislation which would have given $30 a month in old age pension assistance to persons between the ages of 60 and 65, came before the lower house for a vote and was refused passage. The vote was 34 to 34. It requires 41 votes to approve a bill in the lower house. In the discussion relative to the legislation it was stated that the cost of added assistance to the state and counties would be approximately $33,000,000 a year. The federal government does not contribute to old ade assistance to persons under 65 years.

A joint resolution which had been approved in the senate endorsing Congressman Clair Engle's house bill to increase the price of gold to $56 per ounce was approved in the lower house last week by a unonimous vote. Collier sponsored the bill in the senate while Assemblyman King and the writer handled the bill in the lower house.

Another piece of legislation of interest to the gold mining industry was the approval of AB 233 by Gov. Warren. This bill exempts from the business and professional code the provisions regulating mineral, oil and gas brokers salesmen. The bill was originally introduced for gas and oil brokers but was amended in the senate to also include mining brokers and salesmen.

The budget now before the senate, will probably be returned to the lower house this week. The upper house after considering the largest budget in the state's history, apparently has been unable to reduce it. In fact we understand that the senate increased it slightly. Two weeks ago the democratic minority in the lower house opposed the passage of the budget bill so as far as settling the issue we are apparently no better off.

The tax issue also is taking up considerable time because of the failure of the two houses to agree on the sales tax. The assembly reduced the tax from 2 1-2 to 2 cents while the upper house amended the bill putting the present tax of 2 1-2 cts. back in the bill.

As a result of these issues which must be settled before the appropriation bills can be acted upon, it appears that this session will run well into June. This writer predicts that the legislature will still be in session when June 15 rolls around.

Insignificant 2 Billions Are Saved in Taxes

Few congressional committtes have the good fortune to be able to record the results of their efforts in balance sheet form. One of the exceptions, the joint committee on reduction of Non-essential federal expenditures (Byrd committee) presented its economy progress report of 1945, on March 22. Its balance sheet for three and one half years read: Expenditures, $45,913,08; savings $2,457,623,568; cost per million dollars saved, less than $20.

Tucked away in a paragraph on the last page of the report was this significant statement: "The committee admits that the sum of its efforts toward strict economy is insignificent compared to $100 bilion budgets. Even though there are few commendations for the thrifty, the committee is convinced that its services is purposeful.

The committee has revealed that at last government spending is being recognized for what it is—taxation.

Most, though not all of the committee's efforts were directed at those elements of government spending which, at best, could only be remotely related to the successful prosecution of the war effort. Abolition of non war agencies accounted for slightly more than $1 billion of the savings reported as resulting from the committee's recommendations. Miscellaneous revisions and reductions of the government's program for promoting farm security and the development of public lands totaled $466 million. More than $460 million could be charged up to reduction of federal red tape and relatively minor changes in operating policies of various agencies. Deferred and reduced public works accounted for $272 million, reduction of duplication in government financing agencies $177 million, and the revised highway program of 1943 for a final $50 million.

Civilian Conservation Corps, National Youth Administration, WPA, red tape, government questionnaires, lend leasing, procedures, financing highways—this roving committee has obviously had to poke its light under a lot of different bushel baskets, despite its humility as to its relative accomplishments, to turn up the $2.5 billion of its reported results. The dollars are not the whole story by any means, however.

In its operation across all of one and parts of two other sessions of congress, it has turned out 28 separate reports, ranging in signifiance from its mapor study of government corporations which is now resulting in consideration of the government corporation control bill to such relatively minor reports as that on the abuses of the penalty mail privilege.

"Insignificant" may be the word the committee chooses to identify its efforts. Even its bare existence as an active unit of congress has a significance for citizens and taxpayers which is hardly a minor one. Measuring its actual accomplishments, against the possibility of such accomplishments in a war government should be mos theartening to those who are hopeful that current congressional trends will continue toward the ultimate goal of a strong, thrifty, efficient federal establishment in the post war years.

Delegation of Red Cross Attends Meeting

Attending the monthly meeting of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Service Council in Marysville Monday afternoon were Mrs. A. E. Kastner and Mrs. Carl Libbey of Nevada City's chapter, and Mrs. C. R. Clinch of Grass Valley's Red Cross Chapter.

The Nevada City Unified School District Board has reorganized, following the re-election of Miles Coughlin and Dr. B. W. Hummelt to that body without opposition.

A. S. Bates was chosen to succeed himself as president, and Miles Coughlin was re-elected clerk of the board.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Huson and two sons of Sacramento, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Huson of this city, parents of F. M. Huson. Acompanying the visitors was Charles Carpenter, brother of Mrs. F. M. Huson, of Trinity County.

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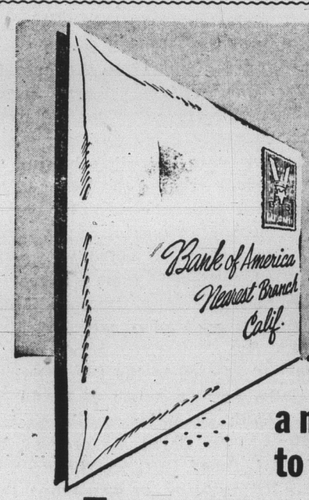

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FARM NEWS

BEEF SALES RECORDS—Local cattlemen are asked to retain cattle sales evidence beginning May 19 if they plan to take advantage of the recently announced beef production payment program, L. E. Sleeman chairman of the Nevada County AA committee stated today. Payments probably will be handled through AAA similarly to dairy production payments.

Exact procedures for the program operation have not been received from Washington, however it is known that payments will be made to feeders and cattlemen at 50 cents per hundredweight on good and the choice cattle, subject to certain provisions: (1) if cattle are owned and fed by the applicant for at least 30 days; (2) if cattle are sold to a licensed slaughterer; (3) if lightweight is 800 pounds or more; and (4) of the sale price is at least the amount listed for minimum stabilization range for good grade cattle.

This is part of the over all program (1) to encourage increased beef and cattle feeding; (2) to obtain maximum slaughter of cattle and hogs by increasing meat processors margins; and (3) to improve distribution of beef and pork. Director F. M. Vinson has announced there will be no downward revision in over riding ceilings or in maximum stabilization ranges for beef cattle without six months advance notice. Hog support prices and ceilings will not be reduced before September 1, '46. The pork subsidy to meet processors will increase by 40 cents to a total of $1.70 per live hundredweight retroactive to April 1, 1945. Subsidy payments to processors in all grades of cattle are increased 25 cents liveweight effective June 4. subject to price varition depending on average drove costs. WFA set aside orders will be adjusted on the slaughter at federally inspected plants. OUA and WFA will cooperate to move all livestock through the public stockyards and public sales yards and determine the ultimate distribution. The 3 way meat program is expected to adjust meat supplies in areas where shortages are most pronounced. Effects of the program will not be felt immediately in retail supplies of meat.

DAIRYMEN GAIN ON GOALS—Dairymen are still adding to their fine war record despite labor and other problems. Need for dairy products is still beyond supplies, but milk producers are making a remarkable drive to close the gap between supply and demand for this important food. The California 1945 milk goal is for 5525 million pounds and the average goal of milk production is 7270 pounds per cow.

National farm milk production during April exceeded that for any April in 15 years by averaging more than a quart of milk a person daily. The month's total output of 10.8 billion pounds was six per cent larger than during April 1944. Early grass and liberal concentrate feeding appear to have speeded the seasonal upswing in milk flow.

CROP PROSPECTS — California crops have responded to the warm weather during the last week in Apr. Most vegetables plantings are behind schedule, but encouraging weather may bring them close to normal harvest period. Rail shipments out of California during May were fairly heavy, with lettuce, potatoes and peas predominating.

California winter wheat production in bushels for May will be almost equal to May 1944 production with less than half the acreage. Hay and pastures are in much better condition than they were last year at this time. California early potatoes are in slightly above average condition for May. Most California pears, both bartletts and other varieties have passed full bloom. The California cherry crop is estimated to be 30,800 tons compared with 27,000 tons last year.

National crop prospects on May 1 were not quite as bright as on April 1, but they were still promised to yield a total production comparing favorably with the tremendous outputs of the last three years. Widespread freezing temperatures during April set back prospects for many crops, particularly fruits and early vegetables, according to USDA report. Nationally the forecast for 1945 harvest of winter wheat was reduced 27 million bushels from the April estimate, but the crop may still be the biggest on record. National condition of farm pactures on May 1 was the best of that date in more than 15 years.

FOOD FOR FIGHTERS — Fresh vegetables by air transport are now being landed weekly on Iwo Jima and other islands in the Southwest Pacific to nourish American troops. Tiny Iwo Jima received 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables from U. S. gardens on Guam during March when this service was begun. Some 5000 acres of gardens in the Pacific area are now yielding about 3 million pounds of vegetables monthly at an estimated value of $300,000. Another 10,000 acres in that area will be seen producing. The gardens are managed by 20 agricultural specialists of the foreign economic administration who landed after assault troops with seed, machinery, fertilizers, insecticides and fungicides.

REA HAS FARM JOB—The Rural Electrification Administration has completed a survey which shows 2,700,000 farms or nearly half of all U. S. farms, are now electrified compared to only 750,000 when REA was established May 1, 1935. During these last ten years nearly 2 million farms have been wired for electric service. More than half of these were under REA loans 90 per cent of which were made to member owned cooperatives.

New Business Opens in Glenbrook

Louis O. Macloon and William J. Zwissig, owners of The Rairfield Company, manufactuders and distributors of household remedies, have leased the Town Talk Lumber Company buildings and yard from Frank Pendola and will move their business to this new location from Beverly Hills, California.

Changes are being made and several people will be employed, starting June 15.

The Fairfield Company plan a national advertising campaign on their famous Benesin stomach tablets and also will compound several other items for post war consumption now that medical ingredients, bottles, caps and other necessary items are being released by WPB. Mr. Macloon is known in Nevada City as for the past year he has bought and sold lumber for various local mills.

BIRTHS

O'NEILL—In San Francisco, May 19, 1945, to Lieut. and Mrs. Frank O'Neill of Grass Valley, Nevada County, a son.

LIENAU—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, May 23, 1945, to Lieut. and Mrs. John Lineau of Colfax, Placer County, a son.

GARRETT—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, May 23, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Garrett of Colfax, Placer County, a daughter.

FORREST—In Grass Valley, Nevada County. May 23, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forrest of Norden, Nevada County, a daughter.

BROADWELL—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, May 20, 1945, to Pfc. and Mrs. Henry Willard Broadwell, a son.

SHEEP ACQUIRED BY NEVADA COUNTY BREEDER

More purebred rams and ewes were added to the flocks of a Nevada County sheepman as a result of the 25th annual California ram sale, just held at Galt, Sacramento County, under auspices of the California Wool Growers Association, William Simmons, of Grass Valley, bought six Hampshire ewes from Ralph Siegman of Modesto.

Under a mandate from the League of Nations, New Zealand holds the territory of western Samoa.

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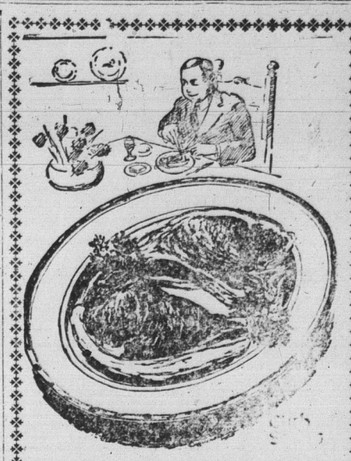

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Lee Mapes Sticks His Neck Out

We had a meeting at the Town Hall Friday night, and when Homer Bently spoke up for a new roof for the schoolhouse, Lee Mapes interrupts him.

"How long you been in this town?" Lee demands.

"Fourteen years," says Homer proudly.

"Then you keep quiet!" says Lee. "We can't have transients running things in our town."

I'm glad to report that all of us voted Lee down and let Homer have his say. I'm glad not just because the school did need a new roof, but because it doesn't do to let intolerance and prejudice creep into a community.

Whether a man's stayed "put" a lifetime or a year, whether he works with his head or his hands, drinks beer or buttermilk—so long as he's a good American he has a right to speak his mind, and have his opinions (however different they may be) respected.

Joe Marsh

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With the war over in Europe, the West will now become the great "marshalling yards" for the final Big Push against Japan. An enormous tide of troops and war materials undoubtedly will pour through to our seaports. Western railroads, housing, food supplies and shipping will be strained with the full weight of the nation's fighting effort.

We say this because—as far as the western railroads are concerned—many civilians may expect victory in Europe to mean better transportation service here. Actually, it may mean *less* room for civilians on the trains.

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William C. Kennedy—

ATC AIR BASE, TRIPOLI—Pvt. William C. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Kennedy, of Boulder Street, Nevada City, is in the Military Police Corp, assigned to the beautiful new Mellaha Air Base, in the North African Division of the Air Transport Command.

As a member of this headquarters, his use is vtial in the vast job undertaken by the North African Division in the shift of forces from Europe to the United States, flying around the clock, the all year, all weather route to Europe, Russia and the Middle and Far East. The North African Division is under the command of Brigadier General James S. Stowell.

Overseas eleven months, he has visited the colorful African cities of Casablanca, Oran, Algiers and Italy, he is now stationed within a short drive of Tripoli, key African port. In preparation for his current assignment with the North African Division, he received training at Keesler Field, Miss., Salt Lake City, Utah and Camp Luna, New Jersey. Prior to entering the armed forces he attended Nevada City high school and was employed by the U. S. Department of Forestry for the California division.

William E. Jamerson—

With the 26th (Yankee) Inf. Div. in Germany—Sgt. William E. Jamerson, Jr. has received Oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star medal for heroic achievement in connection with the military operations against an enemy of the United States.

The citation reads: "On 15 March 1945, during the offensive operations against the enemy Sgt. Jamerson, an aid man with the medical detachment of the 390th AA Aw Btn. voluntarily left his position and went forward to aid the wounded crew members of a tank which had been knocked out by enemy action. Crossing several hundred yards of exposed terrain under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he reached the armored vehicle and, after extricating one seriously wounded crew member, removed him to a position of comparative safety. He then turned to the tank through the area under fire and rendered medical aid to the remaining injured crew members. His courage under fire, strong initiative and commendable solicitude for his wounded comrades reflect the highest credit upon Sgt. Jamerson and the armed forces of the United States." Sgt. Jamerson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jamerson of 539 West Broad st., Nevada City.

Galen K. Lough—

486TH BOMB BROUP, England, May 31—Among the 185,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated today by Lt. Gen. Jas. H. Doolittle who assumed command of the Eighth in January, 1944, was Sgt. Galen L. Lough, Rt. 1, Box W11A, Nevada City.

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done" Gen. Doolittle said in a message to all personnel. "Each of you," he continued, "may be proud of your part in the defeat of Germany. I am proud of you. The world is proud of you."

The Eighth Air Force was the world's mightiest strategic bombing force. Its personnel of 185,000 was the equivalent of 12 infantry divisions, and it could send 21,000 airmen in 2,000 four engine bombers and 1000 fighters over Germany at one time, a combat effort possible only through the support of tens of thousands of non-flying specialists.

Since August, 1942, when combat operations began, Flying Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth dropped more than 700,000 tons of bombs on enemy targets. Fighter pilots shot down 5200 nazi planes and destroyed 5250 others on the ground. The bomber gunners shot 6000 German intercepters out of the air. The Eighth dropped an average of a ton of bombs exery minute of the last 12 months.

Guy G. Gilchrist—

ENGLAND, May 31—Among the 185,000 men and women of the 8th Air Force congratulated today by Lt. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the 8th in January, 1944 is Capt. Guy G. Gilchrist, of Dutch Flat.

Frank Dorville—

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dorvile of 222 Maiden Lane, Grass Valley, have received a message through the Red Cross from their son, Frank L. Dorville, bringing news of his release from a German prison camp. He stated he was in good health and did not want his parents to worry.

Dorville was medical corpsman until his capture during the Ardennes offensive of Von Rundstet. He was first reported as missing in action, but later dispatches from the war department said he was a prisoner. The young man has two brothers in the armed forces, Warren Dorville serving in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific, and William J. Dorville, now in "boot" camp of the U. S. Marines in San Diego.

Chester S. Harmon—

The U. S. Naval Armed Guard Center, Pacific, atT reasure Island, has announced the promotion from lieutenant junior grade, to lieutenant, of Chester Somers Harmon, (D)L, USNR, of Emrigrant Gap. The Armed Guard Center supervises the assignment of naval officers and enlisted personnel to the gun crews of merchant vessels in the Pacific.

Wanda M. Collins—

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga., May 31—Pvt. Wanda M. Collins of Nevada City is taking basic training at the Third WAC Training Center here as a member of one of the newly organized WAC medical companies.

On completion of the training she will be assigned to the Enlisted Women's Technical School to be trained as a medical technician or a medical clerk. Pvt. Collins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, Route 1, Nevada City. Prior to enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, she was employed as a welder.

SCOUT CAMPOREE SETS RECORD

Postponed on account of inclement weather, the Tahoe area council camporee held at Lake Olympia last week end drew the largest group of scouts for this activity in the history of the council. There was a total of 246 scouts in 44 patrols, comprising 18 troops, practically every one in the area, and representing almost every community from Downieville to Roseville, including a patrol from Truckee. Under the general direction of the camping and activities committee this function was planned and carried out chiefly by Grass Valley and Nevada City scouters and U. S. Forestry personnel who were the principal judges. Harry Poole was camporee chief, H. J. Nile district camping and activities committee chairman, had charge of all physical arrangements; Harlow Wood of the U. S. forestry office was chief judge and had an able group to assist him in this important task. Closing ceremonies held Sunday afternoon included the presentation of camporee ribbons to all patrols by Lou Poulson of Roseville. council vice president, Gilbert ennis, Grass Valley district chairman, H. J, Nile and Harlow Wood.

Football Again at Placer College

College football will return to Auburn next fall when Placer College plays a six game schedule. Football was dropped from the Placer program as a conference sport after the 1941 season.

Director of Athletics Howard Woodside made the announcement this week following the meeting Saturday of the Northern California Junior College conference in Sacramento. Dean Harold E. Chastain and Woodside represented Placer.

Placer will play in the B conference against Santa Rosa Junior College, Marin Junior College and Menlo Junior College. Home and home games with each school are being arranged. Dick Blewett of Santa Rosa was appointed to make the schedule.

Any student is eligible to play providing he is carrying nine or more units of college work in addition to physical education. Irrespective of previous experience, veterans and novices alike are eligible for the first semester competition under the agreement drawn up.

Woodside will coach the 1945 Placer team. He started football at the college in 1936, when a five game schedule was played, and had conference teams in 1937-39-39-40-41. His 1939 team won the B conference championship.

The first permanent European settlement on the American mainland was made by the Spaniards in Colombia in 1510.

MEMORIAL DAY IN TWIN CITIES

With all businesses and offices in Grass Valley and Nevada City closed yesterday in observance of Memorial Day, the communities under the leadership of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, paid tribute to the nation's war dead in the cemeteries.

Many former residents returned to the two communities for the day in order to be present at the ceremonies and to take part in reunions which have become a custom among many families.

Two veterans organizations gathered in the Veterans Memorial building yesterday at 9:30 o'clock and proceeded to the Memorial Shrine in Memorial Park, where the annual ritual for the hero dead of two wars was rendered. Following this ceremony other organizations proceeded to Nevada County where memorials were said in the GAR plot of the Pine Grove Cemetery.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church, 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. A Wednesday evening testimonial meeting is held on the first Wednessay of each month at eight o'clock. Our reading room at 310 Broad St. is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, except holidays, from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit the reading room.

"Ancient and Modern Necromancy alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism Denounced" is the subject of the Chirtian Science lesson sermon for Sunday, June 3, with its golden text taken from Isiah 59: "When the enemy shall come it like a flood, the spirit of the lord shall lift up a standard against him."

Included in the sermon is this verse from Jeremiah 22: "O earth, hear the word of the Lord," and the correlative passage from the Christian Science text booy, "Science and Health with key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The maximum of good is the infinite God and His idea, the all-in-all. Evil is a suppositional lie." p. 103.

WRONG SIDE OF ROAD

Edward H. Hart, 22, living in the vicinity of Alta Hill, was arrested by highway patrolmen Sunday for driving on the wrong side of the road and for driving without a license.

Hart drove into the rear of a truck on Ridge Road near its junction with Alta Street. Both cars were considerably damaged. Hart was shaken up but unhurt. The trucked was parked at the time of the collision.

Mrs. Etta LosKamp, who has been ill in the Miners Hospital, has returned to her home on Prospect Street and is now able to be about the house. She is recovering her health.

MAN AND WOMAN LODGED IN JAIL

Arrested and lodged in the county jail are Melvin Strauch and Esther Messner taken into custody Tuesday in North San Juan, Nevada County, by Deputy Sheriff George DeSoto and California Highway Ptarolman Carl Kitts.

Strauch is wanted on a charge of stealing a car in North San Juan, of passing fictitious checks, and, according to a report received from the sheriff's office of being AWOL from the U. A. Army Hospital in Modesto.

Taken into custody with Strauch was Esther Messner, reportedly from Auburn. She is being held for investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Schiffner left Tuesday for New York, where Mr. Schiffner will transact business and both will visit Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Schiffner and a new grandson they have not seen. Mrs. Schiffner expects to be in New York for some weeks. Mr. Schiffner will probably return after a few days.

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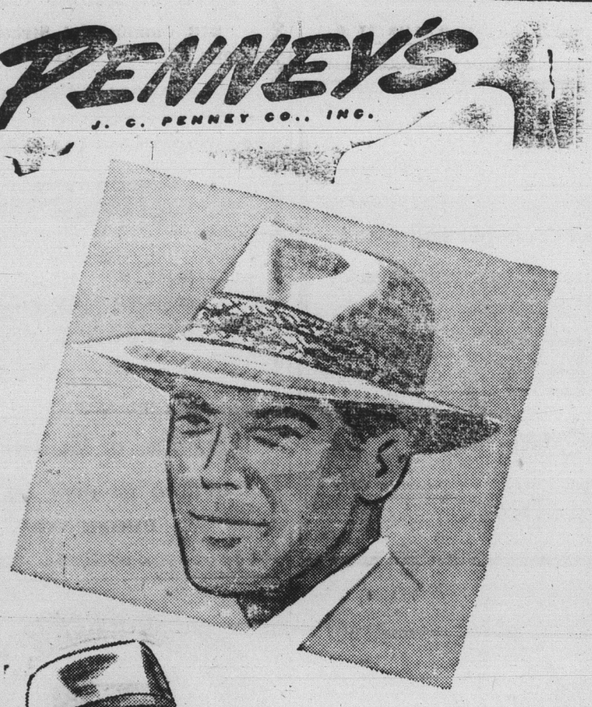

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